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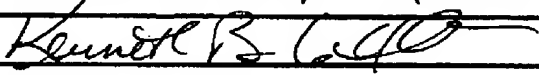
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SESSIONS IN AN AD-HOC)	
NETWORK)	

RESPONSE TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The following remarks are presented as a complete response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2004.

Claims 1-14 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Before addressing the substantive issues raised in the Office Action it is noted that, despite repeated requests by Applicant, the Office has still not returned an examiner-initialed copy of form PTO-1449, which was submitted by Applicant on April 8, 2003 as part of the Fourth Information Disclosure Statement. Consequently, it is again respectfully requested that such an initialed copy of the PTO-449 form be returned to Applicant. If for some reason the Examiner is either unwilling or unable to comply with this request, then it is requested that some explanation be provided in the next paper to be issued by the Office.

The allowance of claims 5 and 11 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Cansever (US Pat. No. 6,678,252 B1) in view of Alvesalo et al. (US Pat. No. 6,650,655 B2). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The invention relates to ad-hoc communication networks, such as Bluetooth® networks, in which terminals or network nodes (henceforth referred to simply as "terminals")